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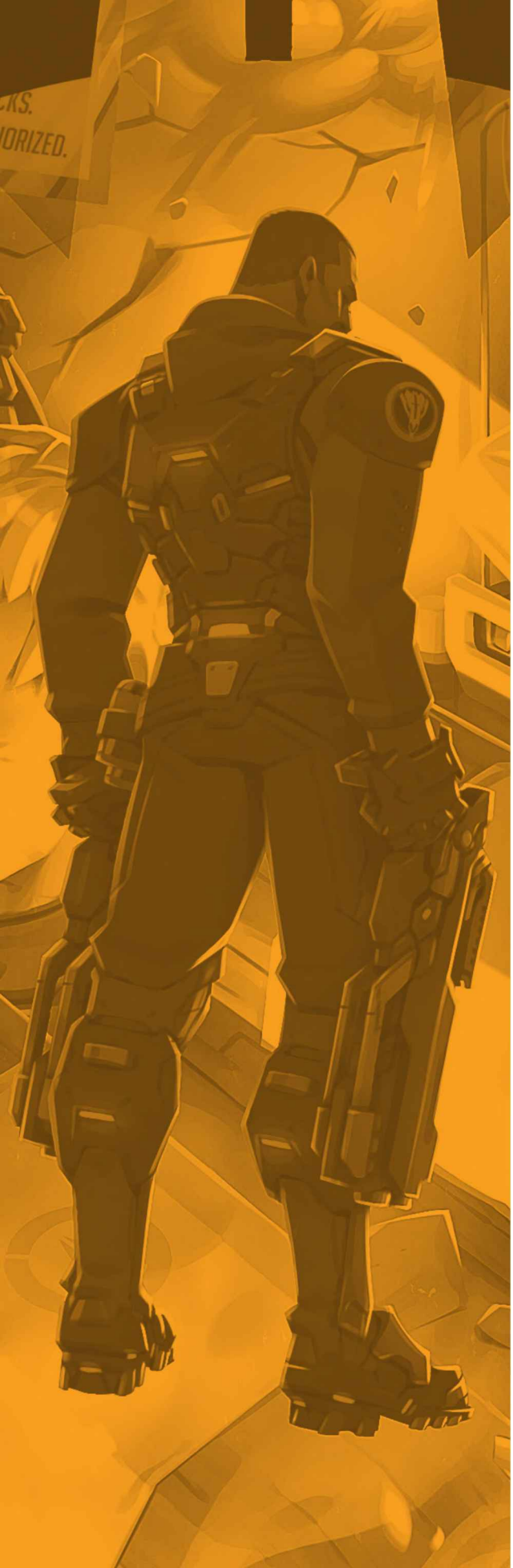

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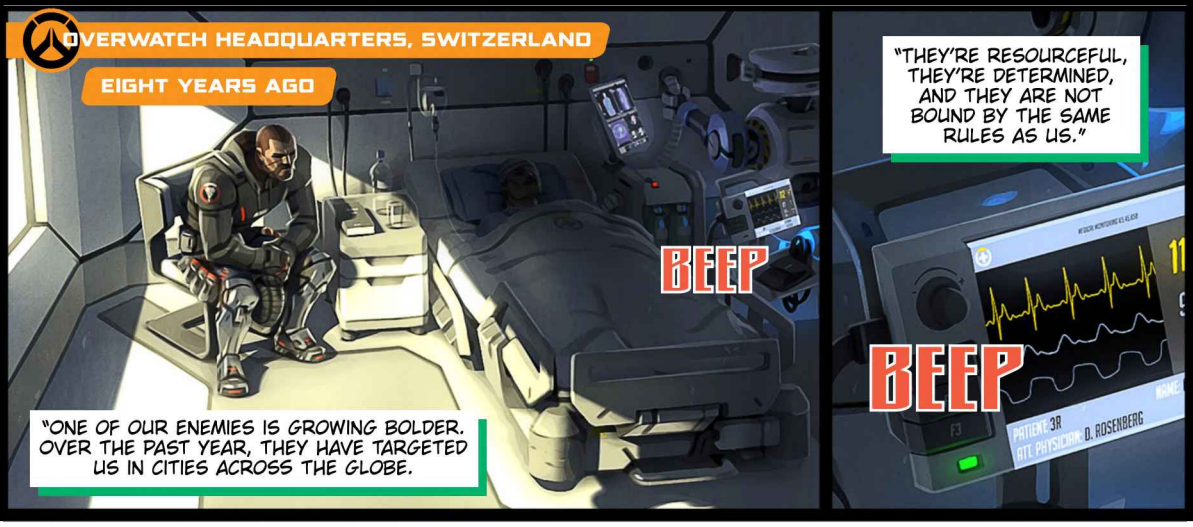
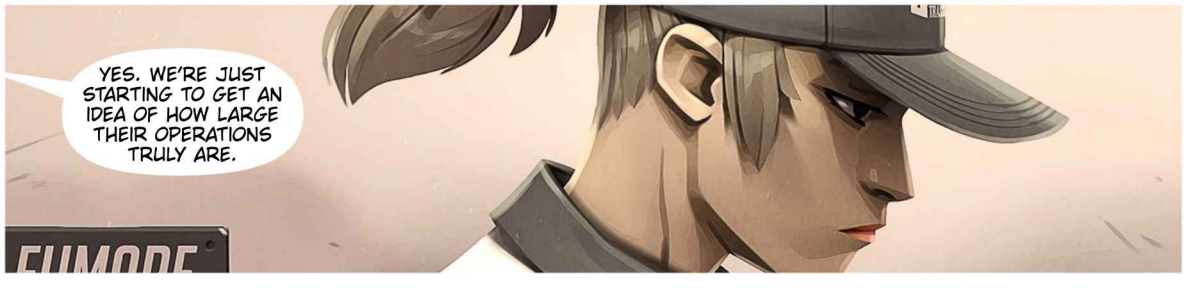
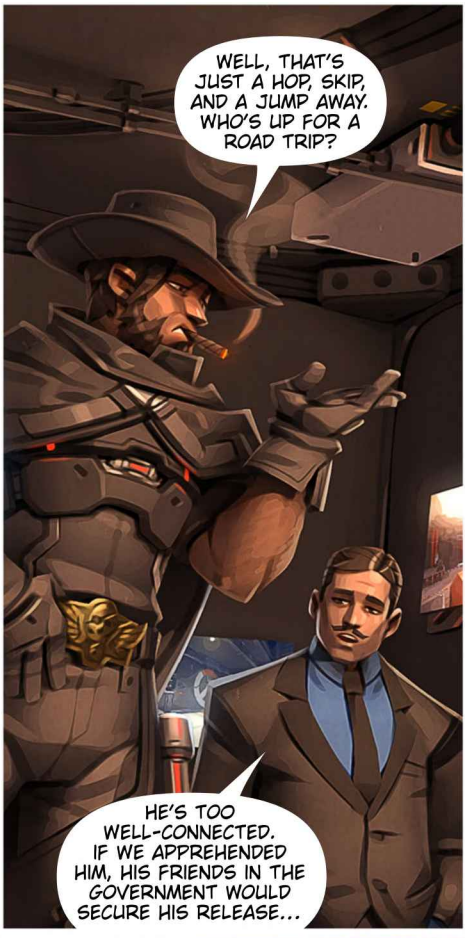

OVERWATCH HEADQUARTERS, SWITZERLAND
EIGHT YEARS AGO
"ONE OF OUR ENEMIES IS GROWING BOLDER. OVER THE PAST YEAR, THEY HAVE TARGETED US IN CITIES ACROSS THE GLOBE.
BEEP
"THEY'RE RESOURCEFUL, THEY'RE DETERMINED, AND THEY ARE NOT BOUND BY THE SAME RULES AS US."
BEEP
ATT. PHYSICIAN: O. ROSENBERG

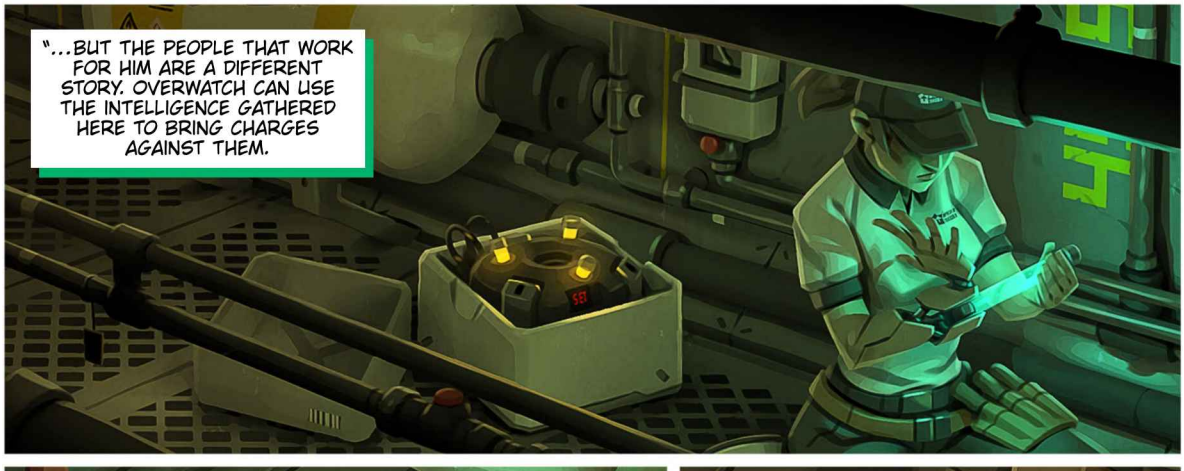
BLACKWATCH FACILITY, ROME
THIS IS WHERE WE BRING THEM DOWN. WE'RE STILL SETTLING IN, BUT WE'VE ALREADY GATHERED GOOD INTELLIGENCE.
TOLD YOU GÉRARD IS THE BEST.

COMMANDER REYES IS JUST BEING NICE BECAUSE OF THAT TIME I SAVED HIM IN CAPE TOWN.
HAVEN'T HEARD THAT ONE.
STORY TIME CAN WAIT, MCCREE. THE INTEL STILL POINTS TO TALON BEING BEHIND THE ATTACKS?


YES. WE'RE JUST STARTING TO GET AN IDEA OF HOW LARGE THEIR OPERATIONS TRULY ARE.

WE'VE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE MAN WHO ORGANIZED THE ATTACK ON US IN OSLO. ANTONIO. INFLUENTIAL BUSINESSMAN AND HIGH-LEVEL PLAYER IN TALON.
HIS COMPOUND IN VENICE IS A HOTBED OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.
AFFILIATION: TALON

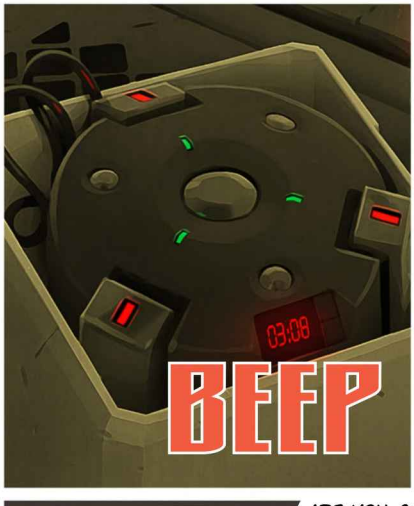

WELL, THAT'S JUST A HOP, SKIP, AND A JUMP AWAY. WHO'S UP FOR A ROAD TRIP?
HE'S TOO WELL-CONNECTED. IF WE APPREHENDED HIM, HIS FRIENDS IN THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SECURE HIS RELEASE...


"...BUT THE PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR HIM ARE A DIFFERENT STORY. OVERWATCH CAN USE THE INTELLIGENCE GATHERED HERE TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST THEM.

"THAT WILL DISRUPT ANTONIO'S CASH FLOWS. AND WITHOUT RESOURCES, HE'LL LOSE HIS FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES.

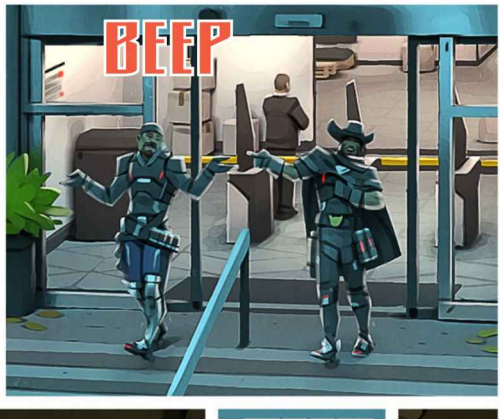
"TALON WILL NEVER SUSPECT WHAT WE'RE PLANNING."
BEEP

IF THEY HIT US FROM THE SHADOWS, WE CAN DO THE SAME.
WE WILL DRAG THEM OUT OF THE SHADOWS AND INTO THE LIGHT OF DAY.


BEEP

GOOD TO BE WORKING WITH YOU AGAIN.
YOU TOO. I'LL BE HERE UNTIL WE'RE FULLY OPERATIONAL. THEN WE CAN DISCUSS OUR NEXT MOVE WITH COMMANDER MORRISON.

ARE YOU GOING TO SPILL THE BEANS ABOUT CAPE TOWN, OR DO I HAVE TO TAKE GÉRARD OUT FOR DRINKS TO GET THE FULL STORY?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NAME: GÉRARD LACROIX
D. ROSENBERG
"DR. ZIEGLER SAYS GÉRARD WILL MAKE A FULL RECOVERY."
OVERWATCH HEADQUARTERS, SWITZERLAND
HANGAR
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AND WHAT ABOUT THEM? WE CAN'T WALK AWAY FROM THIS, JACK.
WE WON'T, BUT WE HAVE TO BE SMART ABOUT IT.
I'LL OPEN AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION ON ANTONIO WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. WE'LL DO THIS BY THE BOOK.
BY THE BOOK...
"...ISN'T WORKING."

"ANTONIO WILL WEASEL HIS WAY OUT OF THIS. GÉRARD KNEW THAT. YOU KNOW THAT.
"WE NEED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE. SNATCH ANTONIO. QUESTION HIM FOR A FEW DAYS."
"IF OVERWATCH VIOLATES A NATION'S SOVEREIGNTY AND IGNORES THE LAW, IT ERODES THE TRUST PLACED IN US."
"IT WILL MAKE TALON THINK TWICE BEFORE THEY HIT US AGAIN."
WE CAN'T RISK SOMETHING LIKE THIS GOING PUBLIC.
ANTONIO'S FRIENDS IN THE GOVERNMENT WON'T WANT THIS IN THE PRESS EITHER. THEY KNOW WE'LL SHINE A LIGHT ON HIS DIRTY BUSINESS DEALINGS.
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE FLAGS...
GABE...

BEEP
"...I CAN'T OFFICIALLY SANCTION SOMETHING LIKE THIS."
"NOT OFFICIALLY."
BEEP
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PATIENT: 3R
ATT. PHYSICIAN: D. ROSENBER
"NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW BLACKWATCH WAS THERE."
"I'LL LEAVE THE FINAL CALL TO YOU, BUT ASK YOURSELF...IN THE LONG RUN, WILL THIS HELP OVERWATCH KEEP THE WORLD SAFE?"
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

STILL UP FOR THAT ROAD TRIP?
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK. I'VE BEEN GETTING ANTONIO'S GIFT READY.
SIMMER DOWN. WE'RE SAVING HIM A SEAT FOR THE RIDE BACK.
WE SHOULD BE SENDING A STRONGER MESSAGE!
I WANT WHAT YOU WANT, BUT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING. WE'LL USE WHAT HE KNOWS TO HIT TALON HARDER NEXT TIME. TRUST ME.
"HE WON'T TALK."
"HE WILL...
"...AFTER HE SEES WHAT HE'S UP AGAINST."

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OUR ENEMIES THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH THIS.

"THEY THINK OVERWATCH HAS LIMITS TO HOW FAR IT WILL GO TO PROTECT THE WORLD..."

...BECAUSE IT FOLLOWS A SYSTEM OF RULES THAT TALON DOESN'T PLAY BY.

BUT WHAT THEY DON'T REALIZE IS...

...I DON'T PLAY BY THOSE RULES EITHER.
END